

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 518

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 2011 Greeneville High School boys' cross country team for winning the TSSAA Class A/AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011 Greeneville High School (GHS) boys' cross country team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the GHS Greene Devils have counted among their members some of the most talented young athletes Tennessee has produced; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Coach Larry Blalock, the 2011 team propelled itself to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A/AA State Championship, capping an already-stellar season with a 117-121 win over the Greenbrier High School team at the Percy Warner Park Steeplechase course, securing GHS's third team state title in twelve months; and

WHEREAS, some of the championship highlights included sophomore Wesley Pectol leading the way with a third-place finish and junior Wesley King finishing in fifteenth place with All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, junior Atlas Fagudes placed thirty-fifth, freshman Zach Weaver finished forty-fourth, and junior Jacob Norris placed fifty-seventh; and

WHEREAS, the Greene Devils boys' cross country team, in both victory and defeat, has displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2011 Greeneville High School boys' cross country team, not only for the team's championship win, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members of the 2011 Greeneville High School boys' cross country team and Coach Larry Blalock for their heralded success in the TSSAA Class A/AA State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.